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**Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of September 30, 2013

The meeting convened at 6:18pm.

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant
Jessica Bosworth, Administrative Secretary

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of September 16, 2013.
Tara B. White abstained.**

Chairman's Updates

Chairman Yohalem announced that the Town has a new employee at the Highway Department. Bill Ruane was hired to fill the position of Highway Driver and will be starting tomorrow, October 1. His beginning salary will be \$17.50 per hour.

Chairman Yohalem gave an update of the Clayton Mill River road closure tomorrow, October 1, due to bridge work. He also thanked and congratulated Emergency Management Director, Ed Harvey and Selectmen Michele Shalaby for the first time use of Blackboard Connect in alerting the community. The information was sent by telephone and email.

It was noted that the engineering report on the estimated cost of the Clayton Mill River Culvert should be available for the Selectmen's meeting on Saturday, October 12.

Administrative Assistant, Michael Skorput, gave an update on security for the Town Hall and Highway Department. A representative from Lee Audio N' Security visited the Town Hall early today and will be making a proposal for the Town.

Police Chief, Scott Farrell and President of the Fire Department, Dave Smith, are in the process of discussing the relocation of the Police cruiser from the Highway Garage to the old Fire Station. A suggestion was given from John Hotaling, present in the audience, to construct an oversized two car garage on the top part of the property at the Highway Garage for the permanent location

of the Police Department. One bay would house the cruiser and the other would be the office. The Board will discuss the idea with the Highway Superintendent.

Administrative Assistant, Jessica Bosworth, updated the Board on the list of experts for the school Internship/Career Awareness Program. She has currently received interest from three parties, not including the members of the Board, and has forwarded the contacts and information to Dawn Estes-Daub, Internship Coordinator for Mount Everett Regional.

It was noted that the Board is interested in a safe for the storage of Town Records. Michael Skorput has chosen several possible safes and is awaiting the estimated costs of them. He will present the information at next week's Selectmen's meeting.

Jessica Bosworth had no updates on the status of a meeting with Shayna Spencer, grant researching intern for the Town.

Michael Skorput updated the Board on the status of the work at the Transfer Station. He met with the Engineer and the Contractor last week and has filed for a building permit. Once the permit has been received, a date can then be set to start work on the wall repairs.

The Board discussed at the previous week's meeting the storage of American Legion materials at the Town Hall and having a signed document releasing the Town from any liability. Michael Skorput will follow through with the process.

Selectmen Tara B. White brought the issue forward regarding the lack of road closed signage on Rhodes and Bailey Road last week reported by local traffic. A memo was sent by Jessica Bosworth on behalf of the Board to assure proper signage for future road closings.

School Committee Meeting – Building and Grounds Committee

The meeting was held last Thursday night; the first order of business was presented by the Town of Monterey, which requested the construction a new building to be used by pre-k, kindergarten and first grades, in hopes of attracting six students per grade. The cost of the building is estimated at \$1 million.

The Town of Egremont reported that they had received a grant for the school in the amount of \$12,500.00 and matched it, for a pre-engineering report on the cost of repairing the building which must be ADA compliant. They do not have an update on what that cost would be. The next meeting, to be held in five weeks, will include the enrollment figures of all four schools and the costs of the capital needs of Mount Everett Regional and New Marlborough Central.

Chairman Yohalem announced aloud the birth figures for the Towns of Alford, Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield over the last five years as follows:
2009 – 42, 2010 – 45, 2011 – 32, 2012 – 38 and 2013 to date – 14.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to convene the Special Permit Hearing for White Properties, LLC at 6:45pm.

Special Permit Hearing – White Properties, LLC.

Michael White requested moving his company's office from 30 Mill River Great Barrington Road to 476 New Marlborough Southfield Road. The building would be used as a contracting office, with two full-time employees, five days a week. All abutters to the property and offices in the Town have been notified of the Special Permit and there have not been any objections.

Michael of 111 Hartsville Mill River Road, present in the audience, announced his support of Michael White.

A motion was made to approve the Special Permit for White Properties, LLC at 476 New Marlborough Southfield Road. A roll call vote was called for Nathaniel Yohalem, yes; Tara White, yes; Michele Shalaby, yes.

A motion was made, seconded and so approved to adjourn the Special Permit Hearing.

Clerk of the Works

Michael Skorput met with John Lander last week and highly recommended him to the Board for Clerk of the Works on the Foley Bridge project at \$35.00 per hour. Tom Loughlin, Engineer for BSC Group, offered his recommendation of Mr. Lander as well.

A pre-construction meeting will be held between Charles Loring, Michael Skorput, J.H. Maxymillian, BSC Group and John Lander once the agreement contract with J.H. Maxymillian has been approved and signed by all parties.

A motion to appoint John Lander Clerk of the Works for the Foley Bridge project at \$35.00 per hour was made, seconded and so approved by all members.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Bosworth
Administrative Secretary

